

REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

The Application was filed with 36 claims. Claims 22-25 and 30-36 were previously canceled. In response to the species election requirement, Applicants hereby elect species (2), polymers containing alkoxysilyl groups. Applicants believe that claims 1, 3-15, 17-21 and 26-29 read on the elected species. Claims 2 and 16 are withdrawn as directed to a non-elected species.

With respect to the issues of compact prosecution pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action of 27 April 2009, Applicants note that claim 33 was canceled in the previous response (Amendment A filed 19 May 2009). Similarly, claim 26 is amended herein to recite process steps. A minor, unrelated amendment is made to claim 7.

Accordingly, claims 1, 3-15, 17-21 and 26-29 (23 claims) remain pending in the application. No new matter is added herewith.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment and a Notice of Allowability for claims 1, 3-15, 17-21 and 26-29. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. GEB-16311.

Respectfully submitted,

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